

To-day, Saturday, will be last day of Auction of Oriental Rugs and Brics-a-brac at

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**SULTAN MUCH PLEASED WITH HIS NEW WARSHIP**

Turkish Ruler, on Arrival of American-Built Vessel, Sends Compliments to President.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 22.—The Turkish cruiser Medjidia, built at Cramps shipyards at Philadelphia, arrived at Mytilene to-day and was delivered to the Turkish officials. The Sultan was so pleased with the Turkish admiral's report on the cruiser that he sent a complimentary telegram to President Roosevelt and a personal message to United States Minister Lelshmann, commending the high quality of the American ship-building industry.

His Majesty also invited the officers and crew who brought over the cruiser, to visit Constantinople on his expense.

The Medjidia left the Delaware river for Constantinople March 1, manned by an American crew, and was being towed by tugboats. It was towed by the tugboat "Columbia" and the tugboat "Columbia" was towed by the tugboat "Columbia".

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WASHINGTON, April 22.—Weather forecast for Saturday and Sunday:

Indiana and Illinois—Showers on Saturday and Sunday; fair on Saturday in north and central portion; fresh southeast to south winds.

Ohio—Showers on Saturday, with warmer in northwest portions. Sunday showers; fresh east to southeast winds.

Lower Michigan and Wisconsin—Rain and warmer on Saturday; Sunday rain; fresh east to southeast winds.

South Dakota—Showers on Saturday followed by fair in the afternoon. Sunday fair; fresh east to southeast winds.

Nebraska—Showers on Saturday; colder in southwest portion. Sunday fair; colder in east portion.

Kansas—Showers and colder on Saturday. Sunday fair.

**Local Observations on Friday.**

Bar. Ther. R.H. Wind. Weather. Pre. 7 a. m. 30.24 44 54 East. Cloudy. 0.00

Maximum temperature, 58; minimum temperature, 40.

Comparative statement of mean temperature and total precipitation for April 22:

Normal . . . . . 54 51.3  
Actual . . . . . 58 0.00

Departure for day . . . . . — 0.04  
Departure for month . . . . . — 10.13

Pluses . . . . . 10.13  
Minuses . . . . . 0.00

W. T. BLYTHE, Section Director.

**Yesterday's Temperatures.**

Stations. 7 a. m. Max. 7 p. m. 4 a. m. 10 a. m. 4 p. m. 7 p. m.

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## RUSSIA CANNOT BUY SHIPS FLYING OLD GLORY

No Vessel That Sails Under the Stars and Stripes Can Be Disposed Of.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The United States government has had official information of the sales persistently reported from Europe of American ships to either Russia or Japan. There already has been some speculation in official circles as to whether or not such sales could be permitted, and one thing is quite certain, namely, that no vessel under the American flag could be allowed to pass directly into the possession of the government of either belligerent state. This is said to be true of merchant ships as well as warships, as the former might easily be transformed to cruisers or used as troop transports and the spirit of modern international law is said to be decidedly against the transfer of any floating property to a belligerent which could be used for warlike purposes. There is a line of difference between ships and war supplies. The latter may properly be regarded as merchandise.

But to the official mind there is doubt of the right to prohibit the sale of an American ship of the merchant class to an individual citizen of one of the belligerent powers or to the citizen of a third power unless it can be very clearly established that the vessel is not to pass to the possession of one of the belligerent governments. It happens there are no warships in the United States which can be sold, all being United States government property, so that the question is reduced to that of merchant vessels and that phase is receptive of discussion between the law officers.

The principles laid down by the Geneva arbitration in the famous Alabama case, also expressed in the London convention of 1864, are that no ship of war can be sold to a belligerent power, and that no ship of war can be sold to a belligerent power.

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**NO CONFIRMATION OF BATTLE RUMORS**

LONDON, April 22.—Rumors of severe fighting on the Yalu are reported in various forms and from various points. For instance, the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post says he hears that the first Japanese army has crossed the Yalu almost without opposition, and the Chronicle's correspondent at Seoul says that heavy fighting has occurred, but that for strategic reasons it is impossible to send particulars. No authentic news, however, has reached London, and nothing has happened beyond skirmishing.

According to the Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent, the Japanese are reluctantly arriving at the conviction that General Kuroki is engaged in the adventurous plan of advancing to the middle reaches of the Yalu river via Kang-gue, and despite enormous difficulties, is moving his army over the mountains. His purpose being to outflank the Russian position on the right bank of the Yalu.

London's correspondent at the Central News from Port Arthur says news has been received there of the complete destruction of Japanese communications. No details, it is added, were obtainable.

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WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the government at this hour has received nothing to confirm the report of the alleged landing of Japanese troops in this vicinity.

**AMERICANS HELD AS JAPANESE SPIES**

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—An Associated Press correspondent called to the attention of the Foreign Office here to the telegram of the Harbin correspondent of the Associated Press, dated April 21, in which it is reported in responsible quarters that certain strange craft, said to be Japanese submarines, are hovering on the east coast of Sweden. They were last seen off the fortified harbor of Farosund in the Island of Gotland, in the center of the Baltic sea. It is reported that the St. Petersburg authorities have been advised of the matter and alarmed for the safety of the Baltic fleet.

**FLOATING MINES MENACING NAVIGATION**

TIEN-TSIN, April 22.—Floating mines have been seen off the Shan-Tung promontory in the much-used fairway followed by vessels bound to and from Shanghai and Chee-Foo and Tien-Tsin and other northern ports. This is extremely dangerous to shipping and probably will cause an increase in marine insurance.

**JAPANESE FLEET OF TWELVE SHIPS SIGHTED**

SHANGHAI, April 22.—A Japanese fleet consisting of twelve vessels was sighted thirty miles southwest of Chifoo and thirty miles north of the Yalu delta and was steaming slowly to the north.

**ALEXIEFF REPORTS FIGHTING OF SCOUTS**

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—The following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff has been received by the Emperor:

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**SEVEN NATIONALITIES INVOLVED IN SUIT**

Italian Woman, Chinaman, Greek Driver, Irish Policeman, Hebrew Coroner and Two Others.

NEW YORK, April 22.—There was a mixture of nationalities more or less involved in the trial of an action before Judge Fitzgerald and a jury in the Supreme Court, which commenced at 10 o'clock this morning. The case was composed of men of all classes, natives and foreigners.

All the action was brought by Angela Ella, widow of Francesco Ella, an Italian, to recover \$50,000 damages from the Chinese importing firm of Quong Tai Ching & Co. for the loss of her husband, who was killed by the car of this concern's wagons. Thirty Chinamen are said to be the members of this firm.

William Capri, a Greek, was the driver of the wagon said to have run down Ella. The arrest was made by a native of the Emerald Isle, and a Hebrew coroner acted upon the case and discharged a Greek driver. A German doctor attended Ella, whose death occurred four days after he was injured.

John Palmeri, an Italian lawyer, appeared for the widow in the case, and an American lawyer, who was retained by counsel for the Chinese firm, which set up contributory negligence on the part of the widow, appeared for her. The jury gave the widow a verdict for \$50,000, but it was at once set aside at the request of both sides, and another trial will be had.

**DEATHS OF A DAY.**

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Who Was Wife of President's Cousin.

ELORA, Ia., April 22.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt died at Ackley to-day as the result of a severe attack of appendicitis. She was the wife of a prominent Iowa miller, who is a cousin of President Roosevelt.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 22.—The Rev. Charles E. Kalb died to-day in this city, aged forty-four years. He was for years a newspaper man here, but later was engaged by the Fountain-Warner Traction Company to edit the Springfield News.

**FATHER AND CHILD ON HIS BREAST ARE SLAIN**

Bodies of "Moonshiners" Victims Found in the Road in Bunnet Bag Section of Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., April 22.—In the Bunnet Bag section of Franklin county, yesterday, James Newlin, while returning home from Endicott on horseback, was shot from ambush by an unknown person, as was his little daughter, who was riding on his back. Both were killed and the bodies were found in the road with the child's arms around her father's neck. Newlin was known among illicit distillers as an informer, and this is supposed to account for the murder.

**STEEL PLANT TO CLOSE.**

SHARON, Pa., April 22.—Clerks and all other employees of the Sharon plant of the American Steel Foundries Company were notified to-day that after May 1 their services would not be required. The strike of the molders has crippled the plant, necessitating an indefinite close.

**SHIPWRIGHTS' STRIKE APPROVED.**

QUINCY, Mass., April 22.—The National Union of Shipwrights of America has notified the 300 shipwrights who have joined in the strike of 3,000 employees of the Quincy shipyard that the strike will be sanctioned by the union and will give the men financial support. President Kirk, of the national organization, will be requested by the local union to come to Quincy and try to settle the controversy.

**FEDERAL MINISTRY RESIGNS.**

MELBOURNE, April 22.—The Federal Ministry has resigned.

The resignation of the federal government was due to its defeat in the House of Representatives yesterday of a labor party amendment making it legal for the arbitration of labor disputes applicable to state employees.

**LARGE MORTGAGE FILLED.**

COVINGTON, Ind., April 22.—The largest mortgage ever filed in this county has just been filed by the Farmers Loan and Trust Company of New York. The amount is \$1,400,000. The read will be built at once.

## JAPANESE WARNED OF PROBABLE INTERVENTION

European Powers Jealous of the Growth of the Island Kingdom's Influence.

GERMANY MAY ACT FIRST

TOKIO, April 22.—Two significant speeches were made to-day at the meeting of the councilors of the Progressive party. Count Okuma warned the people of Japan to be prepared for intervention during the war by some European power, and also for a great increase in the national expenditure after the war. He said it would be necessary after the termination of hostilities to float a loan of at least \$250,000,000.

Masamune Oishi, the Progressive party leader, expressed the belief that Germany would take the initiative in intervention, and declared that no power would welcome Japan's preponderance in the far East. Many of the powers, he added, were prepared to resort to all means to curb the extension of Japanese influence.

M. Oishi criticized the foreign policy of Japan, saying the white book showed clearly that the concessions offered to Russia would have been a national calamity had Russia accepted the lenient terms offered by Japan.

The Progressive party constitutes a third of the Diet, and is the only party to oppose the government, of which Premier Katsura is the head.

**"GET-RICH-QUICK" IN WESTERN UNIVERSITY**

Faculty at Michigan Looking Into Practices of Students Said to Be Reprehensible.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 22.—The University of Michigan has created a board to supervise everything except athletics. Its principal mission is to look after the student's "get-rich-quick" schemes.

Students were found to be earning from \$10 to \$500 each out of college hour offices. The most reprehensible of these schemes was the two-price-class rate, by which a class emblem, the pin perhaps, was sold to the student pin committee at \$1 and resold to the class at \$2.50. Manufacturers secretly offered the rate, and the student committee pocketed the extra quarter as pay for his work.

Then there are the traditional social affairs, involving the handling of thousands of dollars, all by boys. In one of these, the editorial board of the Michiganian, a student publication, was found to be printing the portrait of every alumnus in America, Europe and Africa for the fee of \$1 a portrait.

**FEWER LOITERERS FOUND LAST NIGHT**

But Police Are Still Active in Bringing "Floaters" in on Vagrancy Charge.

Although the police dragnet was again spread last night, loiterers who have infested this city were not so numerous, and the list of arrests was greatly decreased. It is still the policy of the officers to gather in all suspicious characters and to have it understood abroad that Indianapolis will not shelter men of this class.

Ed Horn, 1344 Thalmann avenue, and John Hays, 630 East New York street, were arrested last night on charges of loitering. John Hays was John McCarty, 917 Church street; John Duffey,